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Title: LIFTING DEVICE FOR FULLY
PLANING OR SEMI-PLANING
WATERCRAFTS

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of October 24, 2007, please amend the application as follows:

Status is on page 2.

Summary of USPTO Fees begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments/Conclusion begin on page 5 of this paper.

STATUS

The above-captioned patent application is pending.

Claim 15 is pending in the application.

Claim 15 is rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Lane (U.S. Patent No. 4,756,265).

SUMMARY OF USPTO FEES ENCLOSED HEREWITH

1. Extension of Time

A separate petition for an extension of time of three (3) months up to and including April 24, 2008, to respond to the outstanding Office Action, along with authorization to charge the appropriate fee for a small entity of \$525, is enclosed herewith.

2. Request for Continued Examination

A separate Request for Continued Examination, along with authorization to charge the appropriate fee for a small entity of \$405, is enclosed herewith.

It is believed these fees are correct; however, the Commissioner for Patents is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overage to Deposit Account No. 50-1429.